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For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR PERFORMING ACQUISITION
INTEGRATION

Enclosed:

Preliminary Amendment (6 pgs.)

Request for Approval of Drawing Change (1 pg.)

Twelve (12) Sheets of Revised Drawings

Submission of Marked Up Paragraphs (6 pgs.)

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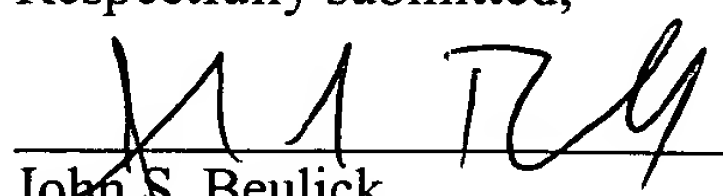

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGE

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Submitted herewith is a sheet of drawings showing changes to Figures 4, 7, 10, 11, 14-16, 33 and 42 in the above referenced patent application. Specifically, excessive text has been deleted from Figures 4, 7, 10, 11, and 14-16. In addition, Figure 33 has been divided into Figures 33a and 33b on separate drawing sheets and Figure 42 has been divided into Figures 42a, 42b and 42c on separate drawing sheets. Applicants respectfully request approval of the indicated drawing changes. Upon approval of the drawing change, Applicants will submit substitute formal drawings incorporating the above-noted changes.

Respectfully submitted,


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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, mailed July 18, 2001, enclosed are eighty (80) sheets of formal drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.84, together with Part 2 of the Notice.

Also enclosed are copies of a Preliminary Amendment and Request for Approval of Drawing Change filed on September 18, 2001 in response to the excessive text objection cited in the Notice to File Missing Parts.

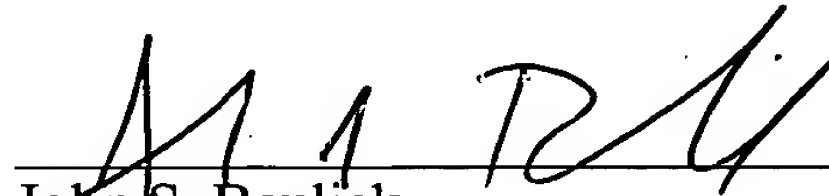
A signed inventor's declaration is also being submitted separately on September 18, 2001 to complete Applicant's Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of July 18, 2001.

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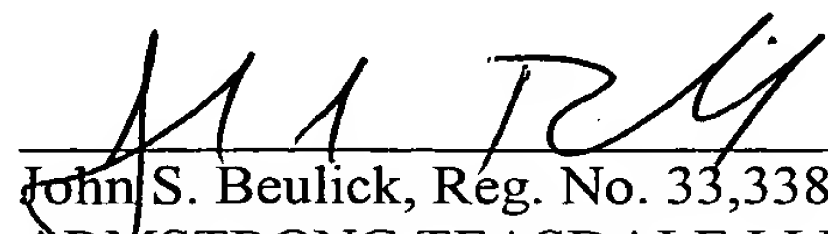
Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated July 18, 2001, enclosed is the fully executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is the Part 2 - Copy to be Returned with Response.

Eighty sheets of formal drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.84 are being submitted separately on September 18, 2001 to complete Applicant's Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of July 18, 2001

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the surcharge of \$130 to Deposit Account Number 01-2384. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pgs.)

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);
 - drawings contain excessive text. Suitable descriptive legends may be used, or may be required by the Examiner where necessary for understanding of the drawing but should contain as few words as possible (see 37 CFR 1.84(o));

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